

Free Press.

SAN MARCOS, TEXAS.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 28, 1884.

HOME NEWS.

ARRIVAL OF PASSENGER TRAINS.

TRAINS PASS SAN MARCOS AS FOLLOWS:

MAIL. EXPRESS.

Going South: 2:28 P. M. and 6:55 P. M.

Going North: 9:28 " and 9:45 A. M.

Our schools open on Monday next.

Since our last there have been two shows, but scarcely sufficient to lay the dust.

Our town cows had to be fed all summer in order to get any milk from them.

Prayer meeting at the Presbyterian church Thursday night, and preaching on Sunday.

See advertisement of The Current, a new literary paper of phenomenal success.

Throughbred Angora bunnies for sale by W. M. ROGERS.

Try my first class cheese at 15c. J. A. THOMAS.

J. A. Thomas is the only place to get Golden Rio coffee, be sure to try it.

Fresh packed Hams and Breakfast Bacon at J. A. THOMAS.

J. A. Thomas has good Sugar 14 lbs to the dollar.

The Bishop will be in attendance at the services at the Catholic Church in this place on Sunday next.

Funds are being subscribed for a new Baptist church at the Oyster creek settlement.

Mr. HARRIS of our freight depot informs us that he received 43 bales of new cotton for shipment on Monday.

Knights and Ladies of Honor, will organize a lodge at Harper's Hall to night, at half past 8 o'clock.

The fire boys desire to express their thanks to both the white and colored citizens who assisted them so nobly at the Richards' fire.

Strike copies of the FREE PRESS may be had at this office, and also at the newsstand of Misses Russell and Ellison, price five cents.

RAIN now would be too late for the regular cotton crop, but might induce a "top crop" in the fall, and would be invaluable in bringing forward the grass.

Mr. GAMMA, U. S. Exposition Commissioner, writes Mr. Nance that he will soon visit this place. We would suggest that then we might organize a movement here.

We invite attention to the announcement of Mr. Joe Williamson as a candidate for Commissioner from Precinct No. 3. He is a very clever gentleman and would no doubt make a good commissioner.

We have a full report of the proceedings of the last term of Commissioners Court written, but have only been able to get the Financial Report put in type. The remainder will be given next week.

Truth compels us to say that Billy Reed, at the new meat market on the east side of the square, has uniformly a supply of first class meats—fat, juicy and tender, such as would tempt the appetite of an epicure. "Credit to whom credit is due."

JOBBING: The FREE PRESS Job Department is turning out a quantity of fine printing: we furnish commercial work as cheap as you have been getting it abroad. We will duplicate all bills for letter heads, bill heads, cards envelopes etc.

Within the past week some good work has been done on the streets and roads in this vicinity. In particular we are glad to see the road to the Cemetery greatly improved. It is very much better than ever before. Mr. Ivey and his force have been "there."

Persons who may at any time receive copies of the FREE PRESS, will please understand that they are sent simply as samples, in the hope that the parties addressed may like it well enough to favor us with their subscriptions, otherwise they need have no fears of its being continued.

The cause of the greatly increased flow of water in the San Marcos river this season over any previous one that we have seen or heard of, is a very interesting problem for scientists. Only about a year ago, some were exercised with the idea that the new dam was likely to cut off its supplies entirely. Verily, it don't look much like it now!

Notice to Water Consumers.

As per our rules and regulations, we will enforce the prepayment of all water rents on and after Sept. 1, 1884.

To explain: Each consumer will be indebted to us for August and September. Aug. 14-3t

A Change at Hinzle's.

Mr. C. S. Alexander has taken charge of Mr. Hinzle's books and business. He is an Abolitionist, seven years in Texas, and has had fifteen years experience in the grocery business. He will strive to please the patrons of Hinzle's establishment by square dealing and polite and pleasant treatment, with an eye single to their accommodation and the best interests of the business which he represents.

Notice.

The ladies of the Presbyterian church will give an Ice cream supper in the Court House yard Aug. 29th 1884.

Music will be furnished by the San Marcos string band. Come one, come all.

See the large advertisement of Kyle Baptist Seminary in our columns. It is conducted by Prof. W. M. Jordan, one of the best teachers and gentlemen to be found anywhere. Under his charge Kyle Seminary has been and will continue to be a fine success. We can heartily commend him and his efficient work as one of the foremost educators of the State.

Boards Wanted.

I have rented the Burleson property on San Antonio street for a boarding house, and desire boarders. Will accommodate with good board, also with lodging if desired. Rates reasonable. Mrs. L. L. DEXTER.

New goods received and more coming, at GREEN & PRICE'S.

A Fine stock of ladies and gents Saller Laven fine Philadelphia Shoes.

GREEN & PRICE'S.

Nice lot Notions, laces, and ribbons in various shades direct from New York, at GREEN & PRICE.

The diamond Sewing Machine. No better in the market. Warranted for five years, at the low price of \$25 to close them out. J. H. GARY.

"ROYAL PATENT."

We are in daily expectation of a car of this and "Eagle Steam" fine flour. Look out for low prices. G. W. DONALSON & Co.

It should be known that everything animal needs water. The dryness of Western Texas is no doubt the main reason why game is so scarce. It also no doubt greatly diminishes the number of fowls, birds and bees. The waterworks will no doubt increase the number of the latter about our town. This will be another advantage, in addition to others which have been enumerated.

A MEETING to organize a Hook and Ladder company was held on Tuesday night, and a temporary organization effected, as follows: C. H. Rau, foreman, W. C. Dugger, first assistant, S. L. Townsend, second assistant, Basil Daily, treasurer, and Mr. Stewart secretary. Another meeting to perfect the organization will be held on Tuesday night, at the Court House.

A GREAT SALE of REAL ESTATE.—In the real estate transfers which appeared in the FREE PRESS of the 7th inst., our reporter made an error in entering the sales of G. W. Littlefield and wife to M. A. and C. A. Rogers. There were 22 tracts, being over 12,000 acres in all, and the consideration amounted to \$100,000. The land lies in Caldwell, Hays and Travis counties. The purchasers we learn are from DeWitt county, one of them a member of the legislature, and bought on speculation. Mr. Burleson, our clerk, thinks it is the largest sale ever made to private persons in the State.

FIRE.—On Friday morning last the dwelling of John Richards, about midway between town and the Austin ford was discovered to be on fire, and in about an hour was burned to the ground. The fire originated from the pipe of the cooking stove. The contents were almost a total loss. The firemen were promptly on the ground, and manfully did all they could. They succeeded in saving a stable and other outbuildings. The loss is estimated by Mr. Richards at \$1200. No insurance.

This should be a fresh and loud warning to all to use the utmost vigilance to guard against fire.

THE correspondence in the Star-Vindicator purporting to be from Kyle, we are assured by good authority, was written by a party who has no citizenship in the county, nor was it written by Kyle.—Kyle News.

We are informed that the article referred to was written by a former partner and associate editor with Mr. Vaughn of the News. He should not thus go back on a former associate, especially as, were it not for the hope of some crumbs from the official tables at the county seat, he would probably say amen to the contribution to the Blanco paper alluded to. We leave it to the reader to pay which is the honestest, the course of the contributor to the Blanco Star, or his late associate, the present editor of the Kyle News.

The Exposition meeting called for Tuesday night at the Court House proved to be another failure, no one even having forethought sufficient to speak for the house and have it opened and lighted. Had this been done, there would have been a meeting, which though small, would have kept up a continued action and probably have led to something better. A number of persons, including some ladies, waited for some time for the opening of the house, when they went home. The management of the matter could not well have been more stupid than it was.

County Convention.

Democratic Convention Hays county, met at the court house pursuant to a call of Ed. J. L. Green, chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee of said county, to select the object of the convention.

On motion, Capt. J. G. Storey was elected chairman of the convention and Jas. G. Burleson, secretary.

Mr. E. A. Vaughan then withdrew the name of Capt. Ferg Kyle, and pledged him to support the nominee of the convention.

On motion of Mr. J. V. Hutchins, delegates to the District Convention which meets at Seguin, on the 26th of August, were inducted to vote for Dr. J. H. Combs, of San Marcos, as long as his name is before the convention.

On motion of Mr. J. V. Hutchins, the appointment of committee on credentials was suspended, and delegates from each precinct instructed to leave their names with the secretary.

LIST OF DELEGATES.

Precinct No. 1.—Col. S. D. Jackman, Capt. J. G. Storey, J. V. Hutchins, G. G. Johnson, J. E. Pritchett, Thos. H. Franklin, S. R. Kone, E. Northcraft, Judge Sterling Fisher, Lu. J. Dalley, Basil Daily, Maj. L. B. Donaldson and W. C. Dugger.

Precinct No. 2.—T. J. Everett, J. W. Manlove, J. C. Douglas and E. A. Vaughan.

Precinct No. 3.—J. R. Burleson, S. M. Townsend, Doc. Roberts and J. H. Sanders.

Precinct No. 4.—P. G. Garrison, C. O. Barton and R. F. Stimpson.

Precinct No. 5.—W. W. Puckett, J. H. Schmidt, J. N. Goforth, J. M. Adams and D. C. Burleson.

On motion of Mr. J. V. Hutchins, the chair was instructed to select delegates to the District Convention.

Delegates selected as follows:

Precinct No. 1.—S. D. Jackman, J. V. Hutchins, Ed. H. Kone, E. Northcraft and W. C. Dugger—alternates, Sterling Fisher, D. S. Combs and W. S. Jackson.

Precinct No. 2.—J. C. Douglas and J. H. Schmidt.

Precinct No. 3.—S. M. Townsend—alternate, J. H. Sanders.

Precinct No. 4.—P. G. Garrison—alternate, C. O. Barton.

On motion of Mr. J. V. Hutchins, Capt. Ferg Kyle was selected as delegate at large from the county.

Lu. J. Dalley was then selected as a delegate to represent Precinct No. 4, as alternate.

On motion the convention then adjourned, there being no further business.

Jas. G. Storey, Chm'n.

Jas. G. Burleson, Sec'y.

PERSONAL.

Maj. Hinzle is registered at the Hoffman.

Mr. Lee has succeeded Mr. Storms at the Carman place.

Miss Nan McMullin was married on Sunday to Alex. McKeller, at Austin.

Young Mr. Lindsey, from Coleman Co., is visiting here.

Bill Day, colored, a member of Obanion's convict road-workers, "lit out" on Tuesday and made good his escape.

We regret that Prof. Hall failed to get the requisite number here to organize a singing class.

Dr. Combs asks us to state that he will now be found regularly at his office for a considerable time to come.

The excellence of Judge Wood's new pavement caused us to long for an extension along that line and generally.

Mrs. E. P. Laney, of Wimberly, with Miss Fricilla Howard, made the FREE PRESS a pleasant call on Tuesday.

Of the colored men at the Richards' fire, H. Richardson, Mitch Miller, A. Green and Gus Hutchison deserve praise for the good work.

D. C. B. Connerly, representing the Knights and Ladies of Honor, visited our town this week. His physiognomy is quite suggestive of that of Abraham Lincoln.

Mr. Bryan, carpenter, formerly from Arkansas, later from Luling, has moved into Mr. Murchison's house in the upper part of town.

Capt. Kyle was summoned by private business to another part of the State, so was unable to be present at the county convention on Saturday.

We regret to see in the Palestine Advocate a notice of the death of Miss Foley, a sister of Mrs. Denning, formerly of this place.

Miss Fannie Howard showed us on yesterday, a large painting of the dam and falls near the head of the river, drawn and colored from nature by her, which we thought very fine and accurate, and reflected much credit on her artistic skill.

Our handsome young friend W. H. Robbins desires to return his thanks to the young ladies for that beautiful serenade given him last night. By the way we wonder what Mrs. R. will say to these carryings on when she returns from abroad.

Dr. Beck we learn has not been able to overcome his preference to San Marcos, but will soon return to stay. Mr. Northcraft is building a new dwelling adjoining Prescott's, which the Doctor has "bespoke" for rent, and which will soon be ready for him.

We called at Mayor Cook's on Sunday evening to see our friend Miss Mary Lyons, but she had anticipated the date of her departure and gone to New Braunfels. We were glad to hear that she has for some time been the principal of LaGrange Academy, and will resume charge of it in September.

Mrs. M. F. Foster, who was a teacher here when we came to this place, and of whom we bought the "rudiments" of our homestead, was recently here on a visit, stopping at Mrs. Kilgough's. We should have been pleased to have met her again. We learn she has ever since removed from here been teaching at Tehuacana.

We learn that one of the marriages which took place in pursuance of a license published elsewhere, was performed in a secluded mansion in one of our suburbs, and that no one was allowed to be present besides the parties, but the minister who officiated. There may be material here for a sensational story—"The Mysterious Marriage," etc. Where's Mrs. Southworth?

Our gifted friend Miss Emma H. Eve, is occupying her leisure from domestic cares in getting ready a lot of beautiful works of art for the New Orleans Exposition. Texas will thus profit by the loss of Georgia, of which great state Miss Eve is a loyal daughter; but Georgia does not need a "best" so much as Texas. We predict that the handiwork of Miss Eve will not be surpassed, if equalled, at New Orleans.

Jessie Griffin, a very bright and promising little girl of about thirteen years, died a few days since at a Catholic orphan asylum, or something of that sort, at San Antonio, to which, with her three year old sister, she had been consigned by their father several months since. Jessie attended Mrs. Duncan's school for several terms, and was among the foremost in all school studies and exercises. Many will experience heartfelt regret at her sad, unworthy fate.

On the Right Track at Last.

Our corporate authorities have at last decided to utilize the services of the convicts in our county jail, in the way of working the streets. The corporation merely pays their board. They began work on Monday, under guard of officer Obanion, and we saw them on Tuesday doing excellent service on the street leading by Dr. Daniel's. They all seemed to work with alacrity. This sort of reception is not only just and proper, but will be apt to do good by causing a disposition to avoid the penalty by good behavior. Let the rule be strictly enforced against all alike, without regard to color or previous condition, accompanied by efforts at moral suasion and good example on the part of our leading people, and the effect cannot but prove most wholesome, while those who may prove incorrigible will be apt to leave our town for its good in search of more congenial climes.

Financial Report.

J. H. Patterson, Treasurer of Hays county, presented his report at the August Term of Commissioners' Court, which was examined and approved by the Court, as follows:

GENERAL FUND.

Am't on hand last report.....\$1739 04

Am't received.....262 46

Total.....2001 50

Disbursements.....1781 97

Am't on hand due county.....219 53

Disbursements.....1099 52

Am't on hand last report.....\$1099 52

Nothing received.....

Am't disbursed.....256 09

Am't on hand due county.....843 43

Am't on hand last report.....\$ 854 86

Am't disbursed.....187 31

Balance.....667 55

REPAIR FUND.

Am't on hand last report.....\$ 269 92

Am't rec'd W. R. Wood, sale of estrays.....54 10

Total.....324 02

Am't turned over to General Fund 189 04

Am't on hand in treasury.....135 01

Am't on hand last report.....\$1162 15

Am't received of collector.....137 70

Total.....1300 85

Am't disbursed.....14 35

Am't on hand due county.....1286 50

Rec'd of Ed. R. Kone.....\$11,750 00

Am't disbursed.....11,967 50

Balance in Co. Treasury.....282 50

Kyle Baptist Seminary.

FACULTY.

LITERARY DEPARTMENT.

W. M. Jordan.....Principal

Prof. H. Y. Allen.....First Assistant

Miss Addie Jackson.....Second Assistant

Miss Viola Jackson.....Third Assistant

Mrs. W. M. Jordan.....Matron

MUSIC DEPARTMENT.

Mrs. W. M. Jordan.....Principal

Miss Addie M. Breedlove.....Assistant

TRUSTEES.

Hon. Woods Moore, Pres.....Bastrop

Maj. E. Nance, Pres. Local Bd.....Kyle

R. J. Sledge.....Kyle

Rev. D. A. Porter.....Kyle

A. J. Rife.....Albino

Jacob Ellison.....Martindale

Rev. S. C. Hard.....Prairie Lea

B. M. Hubbard.....Kyle

R. T. Palmer.....Lockhart

H. C. Harris.....Kyle

Rev. M. T. Martin.....Kyle

LOCATION.

On the International & Great Northern Railroad, twenty miles from the city of Austin, in Hays county.

The medical Purveyor of the United States Army says: "This section of Texas is the healthiest part of the world, Italy not excepted." Dr. Stone, of New Orleans, corroborates his statement, consequently it is the best spot in America to which to send students predisposed to pulmonary diseases.

BUILDINGS.

A commodious seminary building and an elegant boarding house, capable of accommodating seventy-five young ladies, under the control of the Principal. Over two hundred students have already matriculated, including seventy boarders.

OUR CURRICULUM.

All the branches of study necessary to prepare students for entering the Junior Class in our Universities, including Latin, Greek, Hebrew, German, Spanish, and French; a thorough commercial department; also a military department, including the drill and discipline in the school of the soldier.

Art Department for all who desire such instruction.

Our Music Department is thorough and complete.

Special pains given to social and moral training.

Preaching and Bible-school instruction every Lord's Day, either in the Seminary or the Baptist church.

Students of opposite sex have no social intercourse, and none are allowed to attend social parties during the session. Every student is required to assume a solemn pledge, in writing, to abide by all regulations of the school, and to maintain the decorum of a perfect gentleman, or lady, on all occasions.

BOARD AND TUITION.

Board, per month.....\$12 00

Tuition, in First Grade.....2 00

" Second and Third Grades.....3 00

" Fourth Grade.....4 00

" Fifth Grade.....5 00

Incidental fee.....10

MUSIC DEPARTMENT.

Tuition on piano or organ, per month.....\$4 00

" use of instrument " 1 00

" special vocal lessons " 3 50

Mrs. M. M. Jordan.....Principal

Miss M. A. Breedlove.....Assistant

ART DEPARTMENT.

Tuition in Drawing and Perspective, per month.....\$2 00

Tuition in Shading, Pencil and Crayon, per month.....3 00

Tuition in Cast Drawing, Painting in Water or Oil Colors, per month.....4 00

Tuition in Painting on Glass or China, per month.....4 00

Tuition in Embroidery or Wax Flow-ers, per month.....4 00

Tuition in Special Lessons in Penmanship, per month.....2 00

Miss Fannie Howard.....Teacher

CALESTHENIC.

Miss Daisy Allen.....Teacher

For any further information, address W. M. JORDAN, Principal.

Reduction in price of slippers at JOHNSON & JOHNSON'S.

New flour from new wheat, new all round, and first-class also, at McALLISTER'S.

Another invoice of the celebrated Jno. Kelly ladies' fine shoes, JOHNSON & JOHNSON.

Fresh groceries, sugars, coffee, rice, &c., &c., at McALLISTER'S.

Business House and Lot For Sale On the Public Square, San Marcos. Inquire at FREE PRESS office.

For Sale. A yoke of very large heavy work steers, or will trade for corn. LANDA BROS., Aug. 14-1f

Landreth's Seed. New crop turnip and other seeds suitable for fall sowing, just received and for sale by RAYMOND & DANIEL.

Legal Card. W. D. Wood and Owen Ford have associated themselves together for the practice of law in civil matters in Hays county, Texas. Office in Wood's new building, up stairs, San Marcos. Oct. 25-ly.

Slippers! Slippers!! In order to close out our stock, we announce from this date a general reduction in the price of slippers. JOHNSON & JOHNSON.

To the Members of Hays Lodge Knights of Honor. A meeting of this lodge is hereby called for Friday night 29th inst., at Harper's Hall. It is hoped that each and every member within reach of the lodge will be present on that occasion, as business of special interest and importance will be before the lodge, and a full attendance of the membership is earnestly desired. Remember the date, Aug. 29th, and be on hand promptly. By order of the Dictator. TOS J. FERGUSON, Reporter.

Stock for Sale. The subscriber has about sixty head of cattle for sale, consisting of cows, calves, yearlings, and two year olds—a large proportion females. But four old ones in the south west of San Marcos. I have also five three year old beef steers in fair order. July 10th-1f. JOHN SCOTT.

I Am Agent For McCormick self binder, Mowers etc, Jackson wagons, Deer plows, Casidy sulky plows, Standard cultivators, Rockwaller hay rakes, Wheeler Thrashers and other machinery and farm implements for which I solicit orders, guaranteeing lowest prices and best terms. WM. GIESSEN.

List of letters remaining in the Post Office at San Marcos, Texas, for the week ending Aug. 25th 1884:

Baltasar, Jyabel. Irons, Simon

Bennett, Miss Effie. Rounder, Sanie

Brown, Brown. Strain, Shannon

Dallas, Frank. Smith, Mark 3